

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Within the transitional state the disciples had to navigate between following Jesus and leading his church after his resurrection, they experienced an even briefer transition: from Jesus' ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the passage of Acts immediately preceding this one, Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem for in a few days they would receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends upon them in the following chapter. In between, in this short passage that is today's first reading, the disciples did two things. They gathered together and they prayed. Though we already have the Holy Spirit's presence within us, every year we have the opportunity to imagine the state of the disciples during this anticipatory period, gathering together to pray during this ten-day period between Ascension and Pentecost. • Before ascending to his Father, Jesus told his disciples that once they received the Holy Spirit they would become his witnesses: first, to Jerusalem, next, to Judea and Samaria, finally, to the ends of the earth. This mission, for which they had to wait, can be ours at once. We too can move outward, from our home to our community, to our country, to the whole world. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can build the kingdom of God anywhere anytime. • Every Sunday for the last six weeks the second reading has been taken from the First Letter of Peter. Though unlikely to have been written by Saint Peter himself, the letter is written like a pastor addressing his faithful sojourners. The writer repeatedly encourages them to conduct themselves with reverence and humility despite persecution. Sharing in the undeserved sufferings of Christ is an opportunity to glorify God. God's tender arms, which supported his Son in his time of trial, support us as well.

Weekly Collections



Sunday, May 17, 2020
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$4,640.00
Loose.....\$ 309.00
Total Collection.....\$4,949.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer was an essential feature of Jesus' life here on earth. It enabled him to communicate with his Father. He prayed in the Gospels often, when performing miracles (raising Lazarus from the dead), teaching his disciples the Lord's Prayer, or suffering on the cross. Today's entire Gospel is a prayer he makes to his Father while sitting with his disciples at the Last Supper. Moreover, he is praying for his disciples as well as for himself. Knowing what was about to come, Jesus' concern is for the ones he loves. Knowing that God is the source of all that is good, he refers to his disciples as "the ones you have given me" (John 17:9). Imagine the disciples listening to Jesus speaking of them in such glowing terms. He tells his Father that they accept his words, understood his identity, believed in him and kept God's word. It is no wonder that after Jesus was taken up to heaven they "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer" (Acts 1:14). They had seen Jesus pray. They had heard Jesus pray. They understood prayer's importance and its efficacy. So they realized that through prayer they could remain close to him and to God.

Question of the Week:

How can I emulate the first disciples? Can I endure suffering without fighting back? Can I devote myself to prayer? Can I become aware of the Holy Spirit's effect on my life? When have I experienced prayer bringing me closer to God?

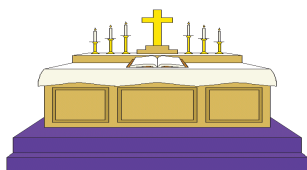
First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion will be June 13th at 9:00 a.m. Strict social distancing will be enforced and face masks required for all who attend. We must limit attendance to First Communicants and four (4) family members only. Students should arrive & be seated in the church by 8:30 a.m.

La Primera Comunion será el sábado 13 de junio del 2020 a las 9:00 de la mañana. Se aplicará un distanciamiento social estricto y se requerirán máscaras para todos los que asistan. Debemos limitar la asistencia por esa razón solo 4 miembros de la familia del estudiante que recibe la primera comunión este día podrán asistir.

Los estudiantes deben llegar y tomar asiento en la Iglesia a las 8:30 de la mañana. Gracias por su colaboración. Dios los bendiga.



Mass Intentions for this week: Saturday Vigil, May 23rd 4:00 p.m.:

Richard Romaine, Sr.,
Malvin Orgeron, Marian "Dolly" & Dennis
Naquin, Preston Bergeron and Louis Scholl Jr.,
Nestor Luis Aguilar.

Sunday, May 24th 8:00 a.m.: Laurent & Betty Verdin, Betty & Michael Daigle and for the special intentions of Walter Danner.

Sunday, May 24th 10:00 a.m. : Quentin J McGuire, Sloan & Boudreaux Families, Frank Muscarello, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Pietro Montengnino, Bang On, Sr. Beth Lieux & Kenneth Moreau.

Sunday, May 24th 12 pm: Nestor Luis Casanova

Sunday, May 24th 6:00 pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church.

May 24th Vigil Lights: Frank Muscarello, Jr.

Monday, May 25th 6:00 p.m.: Conversion of sinners.

Tuesday, May 26th 6:00 p.m.: Marie Reiss

Wednesday, May 27th 6 :00 p.m.: Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr., Dewey & Keith Waguespack.

Thursday, May 28th 6:00 p.m.: For the poor souls in purgatory

Friday, May 29th 6:00 p.m.: For the conversion of sinners

PASTOR'S CORNER

I signed up for a robo-call service to keep in contact with the parish. If you have not received a call and are a parishioner, please send us an email with contact information at iccmarrero@arch-no.org or call the office at 504-341-9516.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jimmy

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Check out our website at www.iccmarrero.org for messages from Fr. Jimmy and links to follow Mass, Rosary, and Evening prayers. The Rosary is prayed Monday—Friday at 9:30 a.m., Evening Prayer is Monday—Friday at 5:30 p.m. followed by our regular weekday Mass at 6 p.m. Mass Times have Resumed as follows: Sunday Mass Times are Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. But we are limited to attendees, Social Distancing and the wearing of Masks. Live streaming Mass at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

CLARION HERALD NEWS

Especially during the stay-at-home mandate, it is important for our parishioners to know that the e-edition of the Clarion Herald is available each week at <http://clarionheraldla.newsmemory.com>. A new electronic issue of the Clarion Herald goes lives every Tuesday at approximately 3:00pm.